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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 1998, at 2:00 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1998

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable CHUCK HAGEL, a Senator from the State of Nebraska.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, our courage is based on the assurance of Your ever-present, guiding Spirit. Therefore, we will not fear. Our hope is rooted in trust in Your reliability. Therefore, we will not be anxious. Your interventions in trying times in the past have made us experienced optimists for the future. Therefore, we will not spend our energy in useless worry. Thank you for another week of progress. You have answered our prayers on time and in time.

Bless the Senators, Lord. Renew them physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Give them profound satisfaction in being used by You to provide Your best for America. May they and all of us who are privileged to work with them claim Your promise, "Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."—Isaiah 40:31. Through our Lord and Savior. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 8, 1998.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHUCK HAGEL, a Senator from the State of Nebraska, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. HAGEL thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Thank you, Mr. President.

SCHEDULE

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, this morning the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 12 o'clock noon. As a reminder, the leader has announced that no votes will occur during today's session. The Senate may take up and consider any executive or legislative items that can be cleared for action. The Senate may also attempt to reach time agreements on several high-tech bills.

On Monday, May 11, the Senate may consider the agricultural research conference report, along with a number of high-tech bills if agreements can be reached on those items. The Senate

may also begin consideration of S. 1873, the missile defense bill. Again, no votes will occur during Monday's session.

On Tuesday morning, May 12, the Senate will attempt to reach a time agreement on a D'Amato bill regarding inpatient health care for breast cancer. The Senate will also resume and attempt to complete action on any high-tech bills not completed on Monday. Any votes ordered to occur with respect to the agricultural research conference report and the high-tech bills will be postponed to occur on Tuesday, May 12, at 12 noon. Therefore, the next rollcall votes will occur at 12 noon on Tuesday.

Finally, it will be the leader's intention to begin consideration of the DOD authorization bill during the latter part of the week.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDING pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDING pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business for not to extend beyond the hour of 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Vermont, Mr. JEFFORDS, is recognized to speak for up to 10 minutes.

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